




Here, plaintiff has not met the threshold requirements for relief under Rule 60(b). While the motion is timely, plaintiff does not have a meritorious claim for the reasons set forth in the court's November 27, 2024, order dismissing plaintiff's complaint for lack of subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to Rule 12(b)(1). (See DE 22 at 4-8). In addition, plaintiff has not satisfied any of the six enumerated grounds for relief in Rule 60(b). Plaintiff argues that the court erred in not entering a scheduling order and allowing discovery to proceed. However, "a court that lacks jurisdiction has no power to adjudicate and dispose of a claim on the merits" through discovery or other case scheduling. S. Walk at Broadlands Homeowner's Ass'n, Inc. v. OpenBand at Broadlands, LLC, 713 F.3d 175, 185 (4th Cir. 2013). Therefore, plaintiff's motion for reconsideration (DE 24) is DENIED.

SO ORDERED, this the 6th day of February, 2025.

  
LOUISE W. FLANAGAN  
United States District Judge